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SUBJ: ABU DHABI FINANCING YEMEN DAM PROJECT

1. THE PRESIDENTIAL COURT OF ABU DHABI HAS INVITED
ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT FIRMS TO TENDER FOR DESIGN
OF DAM IN MARIB AREA OF YEMEN.
AT LEAST ONE US
FIRM, HARZA ENGINEERING COMPANY OF CHICAGO, WITH
REGIONAL OFFICE IN TEHRAN, HAS RECEIVED TENDER AND
WILL PROBABLY RESPOND.

2. PROPOSALS SHOULD COVER FOLLOWING STAGES: (A)
FEASIBILITY STUDY-COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA
FROM MARIB, PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF SKETCHES,COST
ESTIMATES, AND COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS; (B) DETAILED DESIGN-

PREPARATION OF FINAL DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS,
BILLS OF QUANTITIES; (C) INVITATION OF TENDERS -
PREPARATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION,
ANALYSIS OF TENDERS, RECOMMENDATION FOR SUBMISSION
EVPRESIDENTIAL COURT; (D) SUPERVISION AND
MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS - INCLUDES GENERAL SUPERVISION.
SECTIONS (A) AND (C) ARE LUMP-SUM TENDERS ; SECTION (B)
IS PERCENTAGE BASIS WITH CEILING; SECTION (D) STRAIGHT
PERCENTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION COST. CLOSING DATE IS
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MAY 30 ALTHOUGH 30 DAY EXTENSION IS POSSIBLE.

3. HARZA ENGINEERING VERY INTERESTED IN PR

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BUT BELIEVES THEY WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SUBMITTING
COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL. COMPANY HAS DONE WORK IN
YEMEN BEFORE AND HAS NO IDEA OF POSSIBLE DOWNSIDE
RISK NOR ANY DATA ON TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY, OR SOIL
CONDITIONS. ONLY INFO PROVIDED BY PRESIDENTIAL COURT
WAS TWO PAGE SUMMARY OF AREA'S HISTORY AND PROBLEMS WITH
FLOOD CONTROL. WALTER LEGER, HARZA'S MIDDLE EAST
REP, WILL RECOMMEND TO HEAD OFFICE TO APPLY FOR 30 DAY
EXTENSION AND DISPATCH ENGINEER TO MARIB FOR QUICK
SURVEY OF THE AREA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR SANA: SINCE LEGER STARTING
FROM POINT ZERO, ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ON YEMEN
WOULD BE HELPFUL, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT ANY USG OR INTER-
NATIONAL AGENCIES WHICH HAVE DONE SIMILAR
STUDIES OR PROJECTS. LEGER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT YEMENI GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND/OR OFFICIALS
WILL BE HANDLING MARIB PROJECT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
LEGER WILL BE APPROACHED IN ABU DHABI FOR AGENCY
RELATIONSHIP. WILL AGENTS ALSO BE REQUIRED IN YEMEN? LEGER
RETURNING TO TEHRAN ON APRIL 25. ANY INFO DEVELOPED
CAN BE PASSED TH
CGH EMBASSY TEHRAN OR TELEXED TO
HIM DIRECTLY (TELEX: 2776 THN).
FOR DOC/CAGNE: LEGER HAS ASKED ABOUT ANY DATA WHICH
AID OR DOD MAY HAVE AND IF IT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO HARZA HEAD OFFICE (150 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO,
ILL 60606 TELEX: 25-3440).
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